



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 835-99

9 August 1999

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 27 July 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 11 March 1996 at the age of 21. Your record reflects that on 2 September 1996 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for absence from your appointed place of duty and disobedience. The punishment imposed was restriction an extra duty for 45 days and forfeitures totalling \$100.

Your record further reflects that on 13 February 1997, due to your suicidal ideation, you were referred for a psychiatric examination. After undergoing such an examination you were diagnosed with a personality disorder with avoidant and schizoid features. At this time you were recommended for separation due to being a risk for self-harm.

On 17 February 1997 you were notified that administrative separation action had been initiated by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. Subsequently, the discharge authority directed separation due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 21 February 1997 you were issued a general discharge by reason of personality disorder and assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and your contention that you would like your reenlistment code and narrative reason for separation changed. The Board further considered your contention that the you are not suffering with any type of mental condition. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code or narrative reason for separation. The Board noted that an RE-3G reenlistment code is the most favorable reenlistment code authorized when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder and is otherwise recommended for reenlistment. Further, the Board noted that there is no evidence in your record, and you submitted none to support your contention that you do not have a personality disorder. Given all the circumstances in your case, the Board concluded your reenlistment code and narrative reason for separation were proper as issued and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director